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SUBJECT: CHILEAN FRIENDSHIP MISSION IN OMAN

1. WE ASKED ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER YUSUF AL-ALAWI ABOUT FOUR-MAN CHILEAN GOVT MISSION THAT WAS IN MUSCAT AUG. 23-25 AFTER STOPS IN AMMAN, BEIRUT, CAIRO AND PERHAPS OTHER ARAB CAPS. CHILEAN DEL CHAIRED BY VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ENRIQUE VALDES, AND INCLUDED AMB FERNANDO CONTRERAS, AMB RICARDO CLARO AND JUAN ENRIQUE AGUIRRE.

2. ALAWI SAID VISITORS SOUGHT OMANI AND OTHER ARAB SUPPORT IN EVENT OF CHALLENGES TO CHILEAN DELEGATION AND LEGITIMACY OF PRESENT CHILEAN GOVT AT FORTHCOMING UNGA. SAID THEY STATED CHILE IS REVIEWING ITS POLICY REGARDING VOTES ON PALESTINIAN ISSUES AT UN AND IS PREPARED TO SIDE WITH THE ARABS ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES. ALAWI SAID HE HAD TOLD VISITORS THIS INDEED WOULD BE NECESSARY IF THEY EXPECTED TO GAIN MUCH ARAB BACKING ON MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO CHILE. PLANS

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CALL FOR OMANI AND CHILEAN DELEGATIONS AT UN TO CONSULT ON

SPECIFIC ISSUES AS UNGA GETS STARTED.

3. COMMENT. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE OMAN WAS THE ONLY GULF ARAB STATE VISITED BY VALDES AND PARTY. THOUGH OMAN HAS LITTLE INFLUENCE WITH OTHER ARABS, IT WELCOMES ATTENTIONS SUCH AS THIS RARE VISITATION FROM A SOUTH AMERICAN NATION AND CAN PROBABLY BE COUNTED ON QUIETLY TO JOINT NUCLEUS OF OTHER MODERATE ARAB COUNTRIES IN UNGA VOTING PATTERNS ON MATTERS OF DIRECT INTEREST TO CHILE. I SUGGEST EMBASSY SANTIAGO RECOMMEND TO VALDES THAT HE CONSIDER HAVING HEAD OF CHILEAN UN DELEGATION MAKE CONTACT (THROUGH OMANI AMBASSADOR HIJRAS IN NEW YORK) WITH OMANI MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, QAIS ZAWAWI, WHO WAS OUT OF OMAN DURING VALDES VISIT BUT WHO EXPECTS ATTEND FIRST TEN DAYS OF UNGA REGULAR SESSION. PERSONAL CONTACT AT ZAWAWI LEVEL WOULD BE BEST MEANS OF GETTING SYMPATHETIC OMANGOV ATTENTION. WOLLE

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